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Speaker Bense Addresses Governor's Budget Recommendations

Statement by Florida House Speaker Allan Bense

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – “Governor Bush and his staff have charted an excellent course for Florida’s financial future, both short term and long term,” said Speaker Bense. “Specifically, the Governor has made some bold recommendations for reforming Medicaid. It’s an issue that won’t be easy to resolve, but one that the Legislature must deal with soon if we are to continue adequately funding Florida’s priorities.

“Governor Bush also showed continued fiscal responsibility by setting aside funds for future needs rather than leaving the tough choices for future Legislatures and Governors.

“The Florida House looks forward to working with the Senate to study the path the Governor has mapped out in detail and determine where we can improve upon it. I’m sure we’ll find places where the Governor zigged a little when we think he should have zagged a little, but he definitely started us in the right direction.”

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